

*An Advertisement concerning the Publication of the last Part of
the last Volume of the Synopsis Criticorum aliorumque Sacrae
Scripturae Interpretum.*

BEing sensible of the generall and not unreasonable expectation of the Subscribers to have received the last Part of this Work ere this time, and of the occasion I gave them for such thoughts by a passage in my last Advertisement, I hold my self obliged both for my own vindication and their satisfaction to give an account of the reason of the delay, and to set some Bounds to their expectation.

I shall not be esteemed vain or arrogant if I say that both the present and former delays have not been occasioned by my neglect or slothfulness, for I have many witnesses of that constant diligence wherewith I have attended upon this Work from the beginning of it untill this day, but by divers other causes or hinderances, partly such as have been common to all the Volumes, as the neglects of the Workmen at the Press, though this last Summer more than ordinary, because of a long contest between them and Forreigners, and the just care for the preservation of my health from those Distempers which so much sedentariness hath disposed me to; and partly such as are peculiar to this last Part, as the extraordinary and indispenfable occasions about my domesticall concerns, which, as it is known to divers, have been no small impediments to me; and especially the growth of the Work under my hands beyond the expected bounds, whereof as I hope the Subscribers will reap the profit, so the charge and loss will be entirely my own, which though it will be much greater than will easily be imagined, I do chearfully submit to it for the publick good, though it had not been difficult to me to ease my self in a great part of this burden, if I had been sway'd by my own private Interest. Amongst other things which cause the swelling of the Work and require some longer time, one is this, that I have designed to make two or three large *Indexes* to the whole Work, which, as I have been earnestly desired to do by divers of the Subscribers, so of how great necessity and use it will be to the speedy finding out of a multitude of Words and Phrases, and Matters, which, though appropriated by my Authors to particular texts of Scripture, have an aspect upon divers other places, is so evident to all learned men, that it were needless to say more of it. And this Addition I do the rather make, that I may hereby express my gratitude to those numerous Subscribers, who have given me no cause to repent that I referred the ten shillings addition to their Ingenuity. And whereas many others of the Subscribers who gave no part thereof at the taking up of the first Part of this fourth Volume, have declared their intentions to give the whole ten shillings at the taking up of this last Part, I do likewise intend that they who do so shall receive the said *Indexes* together with their last Part. But as these *Indexes* will render the Work much more compleat and usefull, so they will require some time for the composing of them, which makes me fear it will be towards *Midsummer* before this last Part be published. But about that time, if God give me life and health and his gracious assistance, the Subscribers may expect it. And I presume they will not unwillingly give me this use of their patience, because, I doubt not it will be the last time I shall call them to the exercise of it in this way. For although I may possibly trouble the World with some more of my Labours, yet it is my full purpose to make so great progress in whatsoever I doe before I put it to the Press, that I may never need the renewing of this request.

And having this occasion offered, I hold it expedient to give here a brief account of my English Undertaking upon Scripture, of which I have given a general notice, and in fit time intend a particular account. Which at the importunate requests of many Worthy Persons I did some years agoe intend and oblige my self to, whereof I have many witnesses, and since that time have made some provision for it; and, for reasons not proper nor needful to be here mentioned, though sufficiently known to the World, I am obliged to use the more industry and expedition in it. And I do the rather mention this design in this place, because I find there is a great and common mistake amongst my Subscribers, as if this English Work would in a great measure destroy the use and value of my Latine *Synopsis*, which would be not only a great violation of the Laws of justice, ingenuity and gratitude to my Subscribers to the Latine Work, but also utterly destructive to my English Undertaking. For whereas the main usefulness of the Latine *Synopsis* lies in a Critical explication of the Hebrew and Greek Words and Phrases, which it would be very impertinent to translate into English, and in a representation of great variety of Expositions of Scripture, which Learned and Judicious men will be able to manage to good purpose, but, being matters of doubtful *disputation*, would rather perplex than edify the English Reader: the former must be wholly omitted, and the latter but very sparingly used, it being my intention to dispatch that Work with all the brevity I can without being injurious to it.

POSTSCRIPT.

Understanding that there are divers Persons in England who did not Subscribe to my Propositions who intend and desire to have my Synopsis when it is finished, I thought fit to acquaint them, that of four thousand (which was the number Printed) there are not two hundred left, and that considering the great numbers already Printed and Dispersed and the vast charge of a new Impression they are never likely to be Reprinted. And therefore they are desired with all convenient speed to signify their minds and take care about it, which if they doe not, I shall conclude they are otherwise provided or perswaded, and shall dispose of the remainder beyond the Seas, to which I have considerable invitation and encouragement.

There being also some few Persons who have paid in their first payment, and not the succeeding payments according to the Proposition, they are desired speedily to send in the residue of their money and to take out their Books, or not to take it amiss, if, after this notice and their neglect, the Books be disposed to others.

The Subscribers are desired without fail, to bring their Receipts for their last payment, when they come for their second Part of this last Volume.

M. Poole.

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